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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/828,519	Applicant(s) ADAMS, RICHARD C.	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 22 and 23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 22 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 22 recites the limitation "said plurality of antenna elements" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. Appropriate correction required.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 22 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hottinen (US 2004/0066754 A1).

Regarding claim 22, the communication system of Hottinen (Figure 2 and abstract) would enable the method comprising the steps of measuring received power of a plurality of

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antenna elements; determining which antenna element of the plurality of antenna elements having a highest received power; and selecting a highest received power antenna element for directing energy to and from.

Hottinen (Figure 2 and abstract) discloses a directional antenna system comprising means for measuring received power of a plurality of antenna elements; means for determining which antenna element of the plurality of antenna elements having a highest received power; and means for selecting a highest received power antenna element for directing energy to and from.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-21 are allowed.

6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claim 1, Apostolos (Figure 6) discloses a wearable directional antenna 100 comprising a clothing made of a non-conductive material and having a plurality of antenna elements disposed thereon. Apostolos, however, fails to further teach a plurality of electromagnetic (EM) energy reflectors operatively coupled to the clothing; and that the plurality of antenna elements operatively coupled to the plurality of EM energy reflectors, wherein the plurality of EM energy reflectors do not short the plurality of antenna elements.

Claims 2-21 are allowed for depending on claim 1.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

- Patent 6,867,740 B2 discloses a vest antenna assembly.
- Patent 6,356,238 B1 discloses a vest antenna assembly.

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- US 2003/0122655 A1 discloses an antenna system disposed on an article of clothing.
- Patent 5,999,826 discloses a device for transmitter path weights and methods therefor.
- US 2004/0147290 A1 discloses a directional antenna control device.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hoang V. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-1825.

The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays-Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hoang Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-1825. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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